

The Birmingham Eccentric

He who shields himself from the rays of the sun will not receive warmth. He who mentally barricades himself from the qualities of optimism and cheerfulness is destined to go through life wrapped in the cold clothes of inner melancholy.

Place First in Badminton Games

George Steck and Arthur Mowrey of the Birmingham badminton club placed first in the men's doubles at the Michigan badminton league playoffs at Flint Saturday. Participating in the tourney were members from Ferndale, Grosse Pointe, Birmingham and Flint clubs.

group were George Davis and M. D. Archangeli and Wallace Templemyer and Robert Butzen, men's doubles; Mrs. M. D. Archangeli and Mrs. Robert Butzen and Mrs. Arthur Mowrey and Pauline Dillman, ladies doubles. Steck and Pauline Dillman, Margaret Templemyer and Wallace Templemyer, H. L. Gordon and Mrs. Arthur Mowrey and Robert Butzen and Mrs. Butzen, mixed doubles.

Pierce Students To Produce Play

Sixth graders in room 24 at Pierce school are presenting a play "Rhyming Ink" Friday, March 21. The comedy was written, scenery made and costumes obtained by the children with no adult supervision other than a few suggestions by their teacher, Mrs. Zena Ohsson.



Bits of Birmingham

Mrs. Clay M. Zisser, of Webster Groves, Mo., who lived in Birmingham for 10 years, currently receives and enjoys The Eccentric. She writes: "I especially enjoy GRA's 'This & That' column, and mailed one of his comments to the White House—of course, I got no answer!" Thanks, Mrs. Zisser . . . and this Dept.'s best wishes to your family.

Now cometh that season of the year when people who live on dirt and gravel roads wish they had hard-top surfaces running in front of their homes. City officials really can prove to you that a concrete surface, for example, costs less in the long run than an asphalt one.

Everyone in Birmingham has heard of the adult education courses which are offered each year at the Community House. We had had visions of local residents signing up for them to learn something which would be entirely new to them. This is not always the case. This Wanderer learns that one of the members of the sewing class has been making her own clothes for a number of years and, we might add, is a very smartly dressed young woman, too. Rather like carrying coals to Newcastle, it seems to us.

As this Wanderer drove home from work last week Wednesday evening, our winter-weary being was perked up a bit by the sight of several kites high in the air. After dinner we sat in our living room and watched, until the sky grew too dark to see a huge red kite soaring high over the treetops. We heaved a sigh and came to the conclusion that spring could not be too far away. Our dreams were shattered Thursday morning, of course, when we hopefully drew the curtains on the bedroom window and found the ground once more white with snow.

Pierce school PTA has completed the purchasing of about \$1300 worth of new equipment for its school fund. Purchases include three-seated record players, wheeled seats for books and

records, five sets of encyclopedias, a 50-passenger merry-go-round, 38 play balls, 100 records and 100 film strips. The money for the Ferguson, school principal, funds for these items were raised at the school fair held last November.

A Birmingham businessman, George Bass, who has offices at 218 Theatre Building, had an exciting experience last week. As skipper of the yacht, "Ben Bow", entered in the St. Petersburg to Havana cup race, Bass became involved in action concerned with the Cuban revolution. As the craft crossed the finish line, its mainsail was torn as two bullets went through it. Several other Detroiters were members of the crew.

Commuters using the Grand Trunk station daily are having a more pleasant atmosphere created for them. A crew of cleaners and painters are busily engaged in removing the grime which gathers so quickly in railroad stations everywhere, and applying coats of fresh paint.

There's one little boy in this area who is a true opportunist. Last Friday his mother was somewhat surprised to find him home from school at an unusually early hour, especially since there was a spelling contest slated for that day. "How come?" was her natural question. Her young son replied, "Well, it was such a nice day I didn't want to stay in school. The teacher told us we could go home and watched, until the sky grew too dark to see a huge red kite soaring high over the treetops. We heaved a sigh and came to the conclusion that spring could not be too far away. Our dreams were shattered Thursday morning, of course, when we hopefully drew the curtains on the bedroom window and found the ground once more white with snow.

Whether the community is aware of it or not, there are bargains to be had from the police department. Right out in front of The Eccentric office the street is painted to provide six parking places—however, there are only five meters in that particular stretch.

Last week's Class C Regional basketball tournament at Troy high school had all the atmosphere of stage tilts played in the larger university gymnasiums. The spec-

ulators were enthusiastic, colorful cheerleaders were on hand, and two radio stations broadcast several of the games. All tilts in which Algonac played were covered by the two stations from Port Huron.

Operations of the Four Corners Press and its owners and editors, Marion White and Betty Lewis, will be presented on Ika Chase's television program in the near future via film transcriptions which were made Saturday in the paper's offices in Franklin.

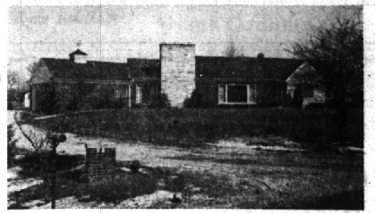
"That step-down or step-up (depending on which way you are going) at the northwest corner of Woodward and Maple is in such bad condition that many of us who use it every day have to watch our step," wailed a local citizen this week to this Wanderer. "The lower part is broken, has been for a long time. Let's hope the city does something about it soon before somebody breaks or sprains an ankle."

Members of Boy Scout Troop B-4 have presented a volume of "Hunting and Fishing in Alaska" to the Baldwin public library in memory of Claude E. Parmalee, killed three weeks ago in a gas explosion at his sporting goods store, "Pami", as he was known locally, had trained a great many Scouts in marksmanship, and, to quote the troop's official bulletin, "had done many fine things for scouting".

Hosts to Kiwanis District Meeting

For the second consecutive year, the Birmingham club will be host to the spring meeting of Kiwanis International, fifth division, when Michigan District Governor M. J. Anderson of Bay City will make his official visit on March 25. It is expected that about 200 members will attend the meeting at the Community House. Representatives from Ferndale, Southfield, Pontiac, Royal Oak, Berkley, Rochester, Metropolitan, Southfield, West Pontiac and Birmingham clubs will attend. Prior to the 7 o'clock dinner, a meeting of officers of the clubs will be held, beginning at 4 p.m.

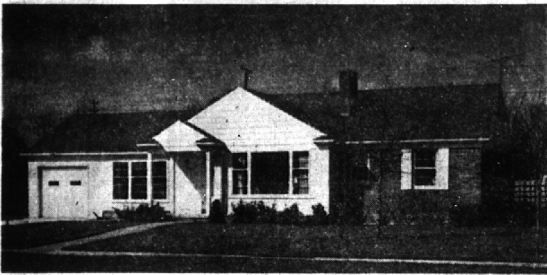
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